

at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, for his innovative research in the advancement of high energy laser optics used by the Department of Defense and leading the development of UCF's internationally recognized Center for Research & Education in Optics & Lasers (CREOL).

These contributions made to society through innovation and invention are significant and life changing. I commend these individuals for the work they have done to benefit the world. In contemplating the work of these inventors, future generations can strive to emulate these honorees and their dedication to innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Number 479, yes.

Roll Call Number 480, yes.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to take a moment to congratulate the Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas, Virginia who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this October. Opened by Jack and Jacqueline St. Clair in 2006, Home Instead provides quality care to nearly 600 senior citizens throughout our great Commonwealth.

Home Instead caregivers seek to build quality relationships with the clients they serve, giving a personal touch to home care. The company operations are all derived from their mission "to enhance the lives of again adults and their families". This mission is evident as their care allows seniors to remain at home with family where they are comfortable and happy. Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas is a company run with compassion and a focus on providing excellent care for their clients. As local residents themselves, Jack and Jacqueline St. Clair pride themselves on providing friendly and responsive service to their neighbors and have dedicated themselves to making their community a better place to live for seniors and their families.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our most sincere appreciation to a company that has given so much to their neighbors. Jack, Jacqueline, and the staff at Home Instead Senior Care in Manassas serve as an example to all. On behalf of Virginia's 10th Congressional District I wish them continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIO TACHIAS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenure and accomplishments of a community leader, an elected official, and an advocate for higher education in Arizona, Mr. Tio Tachias.

Mr. Tachias has proudly served the state of Arizona for over 40 years through his work as a Coconino County Supervisor, a member of the Arizona Board of Regents and a board member for countless community and educational organizations.

He developed personal and political relationships with Arizona Governors Castro, Babbitt, Mofford and Napolitano and is widely regarded as the best person to identify, register and turnout new voters on the Navajo Nation. His work contributed to countless electoral victories and he has helped thousands of new voters exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

Mr. Tachias has also served as a mentor for the next generation of Latino and Native American youth in Arizona. He has been involved in organizations such as the Boy's and Girl's Club of Flagstaff, the Phoenix Boys Choir and Northern Arizona Crisis Nursery.

Arizona is lucky to have Tio as part of our community and I know that even in retirement he will continue to contribute to our state in countless ways.

CITY OF BRONSON'S
SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Bronson's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The city of Bronson—located in the heart of Branch County—was first incorporated as a village in 1866 under the name Bronson's Prairie. Named for Jabez B. Bronson, who was the first settler to the area and later the first village postmaster, Bronson was officially chartered as a city in 1934.

Known as the "Gladiolus Capital of the United States," Bronson grows the finest gladiolus flowers along with other diverse agricultural commodities on over 300 local farms. The city is also home to a strong industrial base, with a mixture of precision metal machining, tool and die, and automotive assembly, among numerous other manufacturing shops.

With its many lakes and trails, farmer's markets, and concerts in the park, Bronson is busy with countless activities for all. Its yearly Polish Festival attracts visitors from throughout the region, featuring Polish food, vendors, crafters, and a parade.

A gem of the community—the Bronson Public Library—remains as one of the few remaining Carnegie Libraries still in its original unaltered configuration.

It is truly an honor to commemorate this exciting celebration for the people of Bronson—where family, friends, and neighbors proudly come together to make the community a special place to call home. Congratulations to the citizens of Bronson as they celebrate 150 years.

THANKING TINA HANONU FOR HER
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
HOUSE

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank Ms. Tina Hanonu, who, after 31 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives, retired August 5, 2016.

Tina began her career in 1984 serving as an advisor and consultant to Representative Connie Morella and went on to become a senior systems administrator for Representative Sherwood Boehlert. Recognizing her technical know-how and proven ability to provide seamless customer solutions in the IT field, Ms. Hanonu was hired by the House's Chief Administrative Officer as a systems administrator for House Information Resources. During her tenure with House Information Resources, Ms. Hanonu was promoted multiple times and took on several important roles, including the Director of Technology Support, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and then finally the Senior Advisor for the Transition to the 115th Congress.

Having worked in various capacities on the Hill, Tina developed a comprehensive understanding of the House's complex IT needs and worked tirelessly to serve the House community. Tina's colleagues at the CAO and the countless congressional offices she worked with over the course of her three-decade career, not only praised her many skills, but also her upbeat attitude, positive approach to every problem and strong work ethic that cultivated strong relationships between Member offices and administrative House organizations.

Ms. Hanonu's supervisor, Chief Information Officer Catherine Szpindor, praised Tina's "deep commitment to the House and genuine love for the role she played in supporting the Member, Committee, and Leadership offices and CAO offices over her 31 year tenure."

Tina once said that despite her many years working on the Hill, she would get "goosebumps every day" when she saw the Capitol Dome. The privilege of working here at the Capitol was not lost on Ms. Hanonu and it showed every day. Mr. Speaker, I think it's clear that those who worked with Ms. Hanonu considered it a privilege to call her a colleague and a friend.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I personally congratulate Tina on her retirement, and thank her for her outstanding dedication and contributions to this institution.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS
INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the work of Texas Instruments Incorporated and to recognize the important contributions they have made to accelerate U.S. innovation and increase access to high-quality science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in my home state of Texas.

Texas Instruments was founded in 1951, when Cecil H. Green, J. Erik Jonsson, Eugene McDermott, and Patrick E. Haggerty reorganized Geophysical Service Incorporated after the company had produced the world's first commercial silicon transistor. They evolved the business from a company primarily serving the oil and gas industry to a semiconductor manufacturer. As an organization fundamentally built by engineers and scientists, research and development has always been a top priority. Sincere in their desire to invest in innovation and education in their own community, the founders helped establish the University of Texas at Dallas in 1969 with the vision of creating a local science, technology, and research institution.

Over the years, the leadership of Texas Instruments has not lost the vision of the founders. They have continued a commitment to improving STEM education in Texas and creating high-skilled jobs across the nation by investing in the surrounding community and schools and by maintaining manufacturing facilities within the United States.

In early August 2016, Texas Instruments and the Texas Instruments Foundation announced a commitment of \$5.4 million to the advancement of STEM education in public schools, with an emphasis on creating opportunities for girls and minorities. The majority of this contribution will be distributed to North Texas schools, including \$1.7 million for Southern Methodist University to train a large new cadre of middle school science teachers. An additional \$2 million will support the professional development of math and science teachers as well as teacher training for Advanced Placement courses through the proven National Math and Science Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Texas Instrument's generous 2016 contribution to STEM education is testament to their unwavering 65-year commitment to the Dallas area and to our nation. Their philanthropic history represents the best of what can be accomplished in partnership between companies and their local communities. I am proud to honor Texas Instruments today, and I look forward to all they will continue to do in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rialto Unified School District

(USD) on their 125th anniversary. For 125 years, the Rialto USD has taken part in educating our children and fostering the bright leaders of tomorrow.

Rialto USD services a diverse population of approximately 25,500 students, with more than 2,700 district employees. Presently, the District has three comprehensive high schools, one adult education school, one continuation high school, 5 middle schools, 19 elementary schools, and 20 preschools. Not only is the Rialto USD the largest employer of the City, but they are always looking for ways to give back to their community. They embrace a vision of providing an education that prepares all students for their future. They pursue a mission to provide high levels of instruction for all students and to inspire every student to set goals and maximize their potential.

In 2010, Rialto USD inaugurated the 'Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Center for Education,' a new professional development center and location for community events.

Under the leadership of Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila, the District's first Latino school chief, Rialto USD has received several awards including state academic, athletic, and fine arts awards. In 2015, Dollahan and Myers Elementary Schools in Rialto were honored as the California 'Gold Ribbon Schools' which recognizes outstanding educational programs and practices.

For their many contributions to the greater community of Rialto, I would like to recognize the Rialto Unified School District for their 125 years of service to the 35th District.

HONORING DR. JUAN QUINTANA,
DNP, MHS, CRNA, PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NURSE ANESTHETISTS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Juan Quintana, DNP, MHS, CRNA. Dr. Quintana will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) whose headquarters are located in my district. I am proud that Dr. Quintana was elected as 2015–2016 president, and I want to congratulate him on his year of leadership of this prestigious national organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting where anesthesia is delivered, including the Veteran Health Administration, Department of Defense, hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

The president of Sleepy Anesthesia, an anesthesia practice founded in 1999, Dr. Quintana has been practicing anesthesia since 1997. Graduating with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Texas Christian Univer-

sity in 2009, Dr. Quintana is a leader in the area of education and evaluation of cost-effectiveness and efficiency. A highly sought-after lecturer, he has been invited to speak at hospitals and numerous anesthesia meetings on the state and national levels about the business of anesthesia, cost effectiveness of best anesthesia practice models, cost effectiveness of anesthesia professionals, and anesthesia billing and compliance.

In 2010, Dr. Quintana became the first CRNA to serve on the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Council (MEDCAC), an independent body that provides the Medicare agency guidance and expert advice on the science and technology affecting healthcare delivery.

Dr. Quintana, is also an educator, ex-officio faculty to the Texas Christian University (TCU) Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and adjunct faculty to TCU's Nurse Anesthesia Program, both in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Quintana resides in Winnsboro, Texas.

During his AANA Presidency, Dr. Quintana has been a prominent advocate before federal agencies and with members of Congress for nurse anesthetists and the patients they serve so well. He has worked tirelessly to improve veterans' access to care through recognition of CRNAs and other advanced practice registered nurses as Full Practice Authority Providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, ensure proper implementation of the provider non-discrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, and obtain appropriate recognition of the full scope of CRNA practice including pain management and related services in the Medicare system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Quintana today on a job well done. His service to the AANA, our veterans, and patients is deeply appreciated, and his commitment to guaranteeing access to high quality health care nationwide is commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his notable career and outstanding achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LIMITING
INHUMANE FEDERAL TRAPPING
(LIFT) FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to severely restrict the use of inhumane body-gripping traps on certain public lands and by certain public officials. Countless dogs, cats, and wild animals are injured and killed each year in body-gripping traps such as leg and foothold, Conibear, and snare traps. These traps are used by federal agencies, state and local governments, private entities, and individual trappers to catch creatures for their fur, keep animals away from livestock and crops, and even for recreational purposes. Unfortunately, body-gripping traps subject captured animals to intense pain—sometimes for hours or even days—before they may eventually die from dehydration, injuries, predation, or when a trapper eventually finds them. Furthermore, these traps are non-selective in their victims, and